GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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TOBACCO SEEDLINGS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has any plan to upgrade the present tobacco seedlings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds allocated for this purpose;

(c) whether ICAR has supervised the work to be done in this regard;

(d) if so, the number of tobacco growing farmers likely to be benefited from this Scheme; and

(e) the extent to which ICAR is trying to get high grade exportable varieties of tobacco?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) Does not arise.

(e) Exportable FCV tobacco varieties are in cultivation in different agro-ecological zones of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Important examples are Hema, VT-1158, Gauthami, CM-12, K-326 (NLS-4), Mc Nair-12, Bhavya Ratna, K-326 and Thrupthi.Likewise, exportable White Burley Tobacco varieties in cultivation in Andhra Pradesh are Banket A1 and Burley 21. Such varieties are released along with improved package of practices for the purpose of export to quality conscious countries.